

Porter Confident at Significance Of London Disarmament Conference

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Washington—Rep. Charles O. Porter, back from a three-day disarmament conference held in London last week, is exuding buoyant confidence at the significance of the meeting.

"This is the first time we have sat down with the Russians and come up with an agreement," Porter said.

Attending were 60 delegates, some legislators and some private citizens, divided almost equally between East and West.

The unofficial conference was called by legislators from Sweden, Belgium and Labour Members of Parliament. Its apparent purpose was to bring pressure on the governments of both East and West to break the deadlock and come to terms on disarmament issues.

Served on Committee

Porter served with Pierre Cot, a former French deputy and Minister of Air, and Ilya Ehrenberg of Russia, on a committee which drafted the resolution of consensus of the conference. He did not have a full text of the resolution, but he said the principal points of agreement were:

1. The 10-nation disarmament committee, which meets at Geneva in March, should agree on a disarmament plan to be presented at the Summit meeting May 15.
2. Disarmament conferences should include Red China.
3. The U.S., Britain and Russia should quickly agree to a treaty banning all nuclear tests with adequate inspection. Meanwhile, all coun-

tries should refrain from further tests.

4. In order to break the present deadlock over small underground tests which could go undetected, there should be added to the inspection system small auxiliary seismic stations, which need not be manned, as recommended by a group of scientists last March.

5. All international inspectors be permitted unimpeded access to test areas.

Conferees included Rt. Hon. Philip Noel-Baker, 1959 Nobel Peace Prize winner and M. P. Hugh Dalton, former chancellor of the exchequer, opened the conference.

Representing the USSR were a poet, a playwright and an economist; Alexander Kor-netchuk, playwright and good friend of Nikita Khrushchev; Ilya Ehrenberg, poet; Modest Rubinstein, economist. Two were members of the Supreme Soviet.

Private citizens from America were: Stewart Meacham, director of the international affairs bureau of the American Friends Service Committee, Prof. Jay Orear, head of the Nuclear Studies Laboratory at Cornell University; George G. Kirstein, publisher, The Nation.

Porter's expenses were paid by Cyrus Eaton, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad.

Porter in an aside said that he had had everyone checked before going to the conference—especially those from the West, to determine how far to the left they were. He found when he arrived that the Russians had done some checking too and knew all about his career.

He said that the Russians seemed eager to agree, and were anxious to reach some accord with the West on disarmament. Their aim seemed to be to convince the West that Russia really wanted peace.

Not Enough Discussion

Porter was almost sufficed with speeches during the first two days of the conference. He protested to the leaders that there wasn't enough discussion, and on the third and last day the delegates finally got down to drafting the resolution of consensus.

Porter said that when the drafting committee was considering calling for the inclusion of Red China in disarmament talks, Ehrenberg put his hand to his head and moaned, "Oh, then we may never get a conference." His implication was that the Chinese might not accept.

On the second day, talk was mostly on economics, and the Russians slyly hinted that western businessmen had a stake in a war economy, and would have trouble changing over to peacetime economy.

Porter's Wording
Porter, to counter this ideological dig, was able to put this wording in the resolution, "We would agree that the economic readjustment brought on by universal disarmament is not an insuperable problem for either socialism or free enterprise economies."

Porter was also able to head off any Russian talk of "disengagement" in Europe. Porter thinks there should be more of these conferences. He thinks there has been en-

tirely too much secrecy surrounding the disarmament conferences at Geneva and that the nations are moving too slowly in finding a workable solution.

Conferences such as the one in London, can help to focus public attention on the need for action. They can also be effective pressure on the various governments, he said.

Seeks Charter Revision

In preparation, the Oregon congressman conferred with presidential disarmament advisor Frederick Eaton; Charles A. Coolidge; Dr. Ralph Lapp, nuclear physi-

cist; and staff members of Sen. Hubert Humphrey's disarmament subcommittee. Porter is a member of the executive committee of the World Parliament association which currently is working for revision of the United Nations charter as the first step toward controlled disarmament.

The conference delegates included legislators and citizens from Canada, France, Italy, Russia, East and West Germany, Belgium, Greece, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Yugoslavia and England.

French Girls Found Not the Perfect Type As Airline Hostesses

Paris—UPI—The world admits that French girls have something special, but whatever they have it is not what it takes to make a perfect air hostess, a veteran American hostess-hunter said today.

Jack Huxley, of Kansas City, Mo., is a man who should know. For 11 years he has been touring the world choosing hostesses for Trans World Airlines.

"Here we are, looking for 50 French girls to serve as hostesses aboard our new Boeing jets on the transatlantic run," Huxley said. "But after two weeks of non-stop interviews, we have been able to hire only two."

Huxley said most of the French girls who have appeared before him at the airlines Paris headquarters either do not come up to the beauty standards—or look perfect, but shy away when the hard work is explained to them.

"The beauties all seem to be looking only for glamour travel, or for the chance to find a rich husband aboard the planes," Huxley said sadly.

"But when you tell them about the hard work involved they are not so eager."

The man from Missouri said a hostess had to be attractive and speak three languages.

"But it's just girls such as these who go and get married to passengers or crewmen at the rate of 25 to 30 per cent a year," he said.

"It doesn't take long to find out that this is what is in the minds of most of the French beauties I've seen," he said. "It's a hard life."

Two Arrested for Writing Checks

Jack Marion Cartledge, 35, of 407 B st., and Floyd Henry Wood, 21, of route 1, box 50, both Eagle Point, were arrested Tuesday morning by city police on charges of attempting to obtain money under false pretenses.

The two men were arrested by police after they attempted to cash checks at a local market. They were lodged in the county jail, police said.

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'Stomach Flu' Not Influenza, Doctors Declare

New York—(Science Service)—If, during this flu season, you have stomach or intestinal "flu," chances are you do not have influenza at all.

Nausea and vomiting, typical of so-called "stomach flu," occur in only every tenth case of infection from true influenza virus, Drs. George Gee Jackson and Harry F. Dowling said here.

The chief symptoms of influenza are, by medical statistics as well as the recollection of many millions of non-professionals, fever, headache and general discomfort. These symptoms afflict 80 per cent to 90 per cent of influenza victims, the University of Illinois College of Medicine scientists reported. They are co-authors of an article on acute respiratory infections in the World-Wide Abstracts of General Medicine.

Self-Limited

Influenza is self-limited, usually lasting three to four days. Severe influenza infection can produce rapid death. In other patients, however, prostration and weakness may last for days or weeks after the fever and respiratory symptoms have gone.

Gastrointestinal symptoms, except perhaps with influenza C virus, are not characteristic of influenza infection, the Chicago physicians said. Thus the term gastrointestinal flu is a misnomer.

Cause Remains Unknown

The cause of common acute respiratory infections remains unknown and not identifiable in four out of five cases, they reported. However, the rapid advances being made in our knowledge of the viral causes will lead to better methods of recognition, treatment and prevention, they predicted. Antibiotics already available permit effective treatment of most of the bacterial infections.

In both known and unknown types of infections, they said, the family doctor is the person who must coordinate the knowledge and institute the appropriate use of drugs and vaccines.

Local Man Committed To Jail on Charge

Robert Leroy Hamrick, 1121 Pinecroft st., Medford, was committed to the county jail on fugitive charges when he pleaded guilty in district court Wednesday.

Hamrick is awaiting extradition by Redding, Calif., authorities on charges of parole violation, according to district court records. He was arrested by Medford police.

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